

The question was then propounded, "Shall the main question be now put?"

On motion of Mr. Gaither,

The yeas and nays were required and appear as follows :

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Owens	Tall	Legrand
Matthews	Cameron	Graves
Bruce	Heckart	Gallagher
Poultney	Welch of A.	Mason
Welsh of B.	Spencer	Byer
Risteau	Wilmer	Dade
Stansbury	Quynn	Berry
Holmes	Simmons	Price
Martin	Firor	Crabbs
Colston	Hope	Parke
Long	Polk	Bramwell
Humphreys	Thawley	Mr. Speaker—36.

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Coad	Cottman	Maccubbin
Blackistone	Frazier	Bowie
Constable	Phelps	Selby
Ridgely	Wilson	Hearn
Dalrymple	Tuck	Gaither—16.
Bowling		

So the main question was demanded by a majority of the members present.

Mr. Tuck then renewed his call for a division of the question on the resolutions;

The speaker decided that the call was not in order, and remarked, in substance as follows:

That he considered himself bound to decide according to the practice which has prevailed in the House of Delegates, whenever the same is not clearly in opposition to express rules; and that he was not aware of any instance in that practice, and he desired to be advised of it if there were any, in which a division of the main question had been had after the previous question had been sustained; to divide the main question, at this stage of it, would, in his opinion, have the effect to leave it still open to be amended, since the striking out of any member of it would be an amendment; and that would be contrary to the 23d rule, which expressly precludes *all further* amendment, *after* a majority of the members present shall have demanded the previous question. He therefore decided that in the present state of the question, a division of it was not admissible.

The question, will the House adopt the said resolutions was then put,

Determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Spencer,

The yeas and nays were required and appear as follows: